

Antarctic Expedition To Make Second Trip Into Mysterious Area Of Lakes

ABOARD THE USS MT. OLYMPUS, Feb. 20 (Delayed) (P) Two silvery Douglas transports made long exploratory missions far to the southwest of Little America into Victoria Land today, seeking a clearer picture of that area of mountains and high plateaus.

The two planes landed late today after flights lasting 10 hours for one plane and 11 for the other.

Meanwhile Rear Adm. Richard Cruzen at McMurdo sound planned to return to Little America immediately.

The icebreaker Burton Island,

temporary flagship of Rear Adm. Richard H. Cruzen, is standing by in McMurdo sound on the western shores of the Ross sea ready to act as a weather reporting station for ski planes.

Cruzen said he might start tonight or early tomorrow for Little America to be prepared for immediate evacuation of the base when weather and ice conditions demanded. The temperature at Little America is 16 degrees above zero.

Mountains and green ice-filled lakes were photographed in the Victoria Land area on the last flight from Little America on Monday.

Air Training Program Ends

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21 (P) The air reserve training program at the Portland, Ore., army air base will be discontinued immediately.

The war department told Senator Cordon (R-Ore.) that budgetary limitations force it to reduce the reserve air training program from 70 to 41 detachments.

PORTLAND, Feb. 21 (P) — Army officers said today it appeared all but national guard personnel would be transferred from the Portland army air base as the result of an air force economy program.

Orders have been received to transfer all army planes to McChord field. Civilian employees are to be discharged.

Lt. Col. Justin C. Gunnison, base commander, said he had been transferred to San Francisco. Orders are expected to transfer other officers and men.

The national guard, which has 16 P-51's, is not affected.

On that flight in the valleys between the mountains crewmen sighted frozen lakes of a deep green color, possibly caused by algae. The flight was then continued over Mt. Erebus, an intermittent volcano.

High winds buffeted the eastern task group steaming around Palmerland just below Cape Horn seeking a chance to explore the Weddell sea area. There has always been speculation whether the Weddell cuts clear through the Antarctic continent making it two land masses instead of one. The western task group still in the vicinity of the Knox coast, scene of the Lake Oasis, was prevented from flying by the heavy swells.

The icebreaker Northwind reported she was making 10 knots towing the crippled transport Merrick and expected to arrive at Dunedin, New Zealand, Saturday.

The number of veterans claiming veterans administration readjustment allowances for unemployment decreased further in November to continue the pronounced downward trend since August.

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Wave Reserve Solemnly Swears



Sylvia Mosio, 628 Oak, first Klamath county Wave to be sworn into the U. S. Wave reserves, is shown here with Lt. Comdr. Don Lee Golding right after she took the oath of re-enlistment.

Girl Re-Enlists In Navy Reserve

Sylvia Mosio, 628 Oak, was sworn into the U. S. navy reserve Waves Saturday, February 15. She is the first Wave re-enlistee in Klamath county.

Miss Mosio's home is in St. Paul, Minn., she came to Klamath Falls in November, 1946, and is teaching first grade at Shasta school. She was enlisted in the Waves in Cleveland, O., and served 21 months before her discharge in March, 1946. Her rate was storekeeper first class and

she will retain that rate in her re-enlistment.

Lt. Comdr. Don Lee Golding USNR, mathematical instructor at KUHS, swore Miss Mosio into the reserve.

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Court Martial Action Looms

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Secretary Patterson said the war department favors amendments which would (1) legalize appointment of GIs to serve on courts martial, now the prerogative of officers only; (2) end the mandatory sentence of death or life imprisonment for rape, and (3) protect courts martial from high-ranking outside pressure.

Chairman Elston (R-Ohio) of the armed services legal subcommittee said the changes appear to embody most recommendations of a sharply critical report by the house military group which investigated the court martial system last year. Elston told a reporter he will try to get them before congress as quickly as possible.

Appeals on claims from veterans or their dependents, awaiting disposition by veterans administration, decreased in November for only the second time since March, 1943, when an upward trend began.

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